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## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS & UPDATES

**30 November 2022 | BRITISH EMBASSY ATHENS - BRITISH COUNCIL GREECE:  
MINISTER KERAMEUS' VISIT TO LONDON, 21-22 NOVEMBER 2022**



The bilateral cooperation in higher education aiming to forge collaborations between Greek and British universities at the heart of Minister's programme in London.

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**28 November 2022 | PRIME MINISTER KYRIAKOS MITSOTAKIS MEETS KING CHARLES III**



Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis' meeting with King Charles III has been completed in the Windsor Castle. The Prime Minister was accompanied by his wife Mareva Grabowski Mitsotaki and the meeting was held in a warm atmosphere.

Source: [primeminister.gr](https://www.primeminister.gr)

**28 November 2022 | GREECE – THE WAY FORWARD: IN CONVERSATION WITH KYRIAKOS MITSOTAKIS, Hosted by the Hellenic Observatory**



Celebrating **25 years of the Hellenic Observatory** at **LSE**, the **Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis** and **LSE's Kevin Featherstone** discussed the challenges facing Greece and Europe.

Among the topics covered were: Is Greece on the path to a sustained economic recovery? How substantive have the reforms been? With elections due next year, and with recent controversies, political stability seems at a premium. What vision does the PM have for Greece? And, how are the geopolitics of the region changing? Where does Greece stand on the new issues facing a changing Europe?

**Anna Kalliani**, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce participated in the event, which took place at the **LSE Campus**.

**28-29 November 2022 | ATHENS EXCHANGE GROUP & MORGAN STANLEY GREEK INVESTMENT CONFERENCE**



**Anna Kalliani**, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce was honored to participate in the **Greek Investment Conference** taking place in London, at the Morgan Stanley London Conference Center. The Conference was organized by the **Athens Exchange Group** and **Morgan Stanley**, who are partnering for the first time and was held in partnership with **Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece** and **Piraeus Bank**.

The Conference aimed to support Greek entrepreneurship, by highlighting investment opportunities in the Greek Capital Market and enhancing institutional trust in the country. It featured a combination of one-on-one & small group meetings between the biggest companies listed in the Athens Stock Exchange and international funds, alongside panel discussion sessions and other networking events and presentations.



**Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis** and **Alex Patelis, Chief Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister**, honored the event with their presence.

### 15 November 2022 | BRITISH EMBASSY IN ATHENS - RECEPTION IN THESSALONIKI



The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** participated in the **British Embassy's in Athens** Reception in Thessaloniki which was a great success. A wonderful occasion to celebrate the long-standing friendship with this city and other areas in northern Greece.

Among the 300+ esteemed guests, **Matthew Lodge** | British Ambassador to Greece, welcomed **Stavros Kalafatis** | Deputy Minister for Macedonia and Thrace, **Konstantinos Zervas** | Mayor of Thessaloniki and **Voula Patoulidou** | Deputy Regional Governor of Thessaloniki in the Region of Central Macedonia.

### 01 November 2022 | ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR GREECE (APPG) RECEPTION



**Anna Kalliani**, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, participated in the **All-Party Parliamentary Group for Greece (APPG) Reception** hosted by **Alberto Costa MP** in cooperation with the **Greek Ambassador to London, Ioannis Raptakis**, which took place on **November 1st in the UK Parliament**, celebrating the long-lasting friendship and cooperation between Greece and the UK.

### UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

#### 13 December 2022 | CHRISTMAS EVENT

On Tuesday 13 of December the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**, organizes its **Christmas Networking Event**, in which BHCC Board of Directors and Members, as well as business affiliates and friends, get together to exchange views and celebrate the Holiday Season.

The event will be held at **St George Lycabettus Lifestyle Hotel (Venue: Le Grand Balcon, 6th floor)**, between 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

For more information, please contact the Chamber Team on 210 7210361 | [events@bhcc.gr](mailto:events@bhcc.gr)

### PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

#### 15 November 2022 | MEETING OF THE BHCC AND THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN ATHENS WITH THE GREEK EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION IN NORTHERN GREECE (SEVE)



A constructive discussion took place in Thessaloniki, between **Matthew Lodge** | British Ambassador to Greece, **Anna Kalliani** | Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, **Simeon Diamantidis** | President of SEVE, **Sotiris Leontaris** | Head of the Commercial Section of the British Embassy in Greece and **Panayiotis Hassapis** | Executive Vice President of SEVE.

The discussion was mainly focused on how to further strengthen the bilateral trade and business relations between UK and Greece.

### SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

#### 30 November - 01 December 2022 | THE 6th SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT FOR SOUTH-EAST EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN "REDEFINING SUSTAINABILITY IN AN UNSUSTAINABLE WORLD"

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** had the pleasure to support the **6th Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe and the Mediterranean** entitled "**Redefining Sustainability in an Unsustainable World**".

In the wake of the covid-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion in Ukraine, the need to redefine the concept of sustainability on a global basis has arisen. New big challenges emerge, such as disruption in the energy sector, the threat of a food crisis, new refugee flows, restructuring of public health systems, changes in the workplace and labour relations. The already existing crucial issues of sustainability, such as climate crisis and biodiversity loss, poverty and inequalities, transformation of cities, are thus being addressed within a new context.

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## BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

### ENTERPRISE GREECE | EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE

By **Marinos Giannopoulos** | CEO



#### **Greece's business-friendly environment and success story is being recognized**

Over the last few years, Greece has implemented a range of reforms and initiatives to create a business-friendly environment that will fully unleash the country's economic potential. That is now being increasingly recognized by international economists and investors alike.

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### DISCOVER THE WORLD | EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO BHCC

**Nikos Frantzeskakis** | CEO



#### **Mr Frantzeskakis, tell us a little about Discover the World.**

Delivering sales success since 1981, Discover the World is a leader in global outsource sales and marketing. We combine our deep industry understanding with practical field team energy and focus to drive excellence in market sales delivery.

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One of the five main areas of MOBIAK's activities is MOBIAKTrainers. In the context of this area of education and lifelong learning, MOBIAK periodically conducts training seminars at its premises or outside its headquarters throughout Greece. The company's vision of creating a modern training center for fire safety is beginning to take another form. It is particularly important that everyone knows and is properly trained in firefighting equipment and fire safety, whether at home or in a workplace, so that they are properly prepared to deal with any potential danger. Training in such matters is lacking in our country and MOBIAK is here to change this. Referring to each organization and institution, MOBIAK informs you that the seminars continue with the new year, and they are ready to share their expertise and experience with you.

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**TRANSFER PRICING SPECIALISTS (TPS) Greece | NEWS**



**TPS Transfer Pricing Specialists recognized as Tier 1 Transfer Pricing firm in World TP 2023**

TPS is very proud to announce that the firm has been recognized for the second year as a Tier 1 Transfer Pricing firm in Spain. This is the highest ranking in World TP 2023, the comprehensive guide to the world's leading transfer pricing firms.

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**UK GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

**03 November 2022**

**Minister Hands: Chatham House Global Trade Conference 2022 speech**

Minister Hands delivers a speech on the future of global trade and the pivotal role the United Kingdom can play in helping to shape it.

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**01 November 2022**

**Trade Secretary's speech at the Green Trade & Investment Expo**

The International Trade Secretary, Kemi Badenoch, addresses businesses and investors at the Green Trade & Investment Expo in Gateshead.

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**14 November 2022**

**Commission welcomes agreement on EU Annual Budget 2023**

The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, on a proposal from the European Commission, have reached an agreement on the EU budget for 2023.

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**07 November 2022**

**Opening remarks by Vice-President Šefčovič at the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly**

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**UK GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC)  
NEWS & UPDATES**

**UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES**

**21 November 2022**

**PM speech to the CBI conference**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak addressed the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) conference in Birmingham.

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**17 November 2022**

**PM statement to the House of Commons on the G20 Summit**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak made a statement to the House of Commons on his attendance to the G20 Summit in Indonesia.

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**Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt delivers plan for stability, growth and public services**



The Chancellor has announced his Autumn Statement, aiming to restore stability to the economy, protect high-quality public services and build long-term prosperity for the United Kingdom.

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[The Autumn Statement](#)

**09 November 2022**

### **PM statement to the House of Commons on COP27**

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak made a statement to the House of Commons on his attendance to COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh.

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**07 November 2022**

### **UK announces major new package of climate support at COP27**

Prime Minister to launch major international climate package to deliver on the UK's Glasgow legacy at COP27.

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**03 November 2022**

### **Launch of the Energy Markets Finance Scheme**

HM Treasury and the Bank of England are opening the Energy Market Financing Scheme (EMFS) for applications.

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**31 October 2022**

### **UK Balance of Payments, The Pink Book: 2022**

The Pink Book 2022 was published by the Office for National Statistics. It outlines the UK's international economic and trade position for 2021. Read the key findings [here](#).

## **BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES**

**17 November 2022**

### **BCC response to Autumn Statement**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented his [Autumn Statement](#) to UK Parliament. [Click here](#) to see BCC response.

## **BCC TRADE UPDATES**

**29 November 2022**

### **New BCC research on regulation and its effects on trade with the EU**

BCC published new research from nearly 1,000 firms on [regulation and its effects on trade with the EU](#). Across all business areas, approximately half of firms said deregulation was either a low priority, or not a priority at all. BCC also outlined its position on the Retained EU Law (Reform and Revocation) Bill including deferring the application of the sunset clause until 2026 as well as requiring full reports on the impacts for trade within the UK internal market, and full consultation on all regulatory proposals with business, while working with BCC in key sectors on regulatory reform issues.



**17 November 2022**

### **September's UK trade date**

September's [UK trade data](#) was released by the Office for National Statistics. UK goods exports fell in September by 4.7%. The drop in exports to the EU was higher than to the rest of the world - 5.1% compared with 4.2%. Overall goods imports to the UK fell by 5% with EU imports down by 7.3% and non-EU imports down by 3%. Read BCC's comments on a weakening UK trade position [here](#).

### **BCC achieved a further delay from UK Ministers in the phasing out of CE-marked goods on the GB market**

BCC was successful in achieving a further delay from UK Ministers in the [phasing out of CE-marked goods on the GB market](#). CE-marked goods will continue to be permitted on the GB market until the end of 2024, with easements on labelling of UKCA marked products extended until the end of 2027. Read BCC's comments [here](#), where they call for a further period of clarity until after 2026, and intensified discussions between government and business on long-term solutions on markings and testing of goods.

**10 November 2022**

### **BCC's Business Manifesto**

BCC [published a Business Manifesto](#) setting out policies the new Prime Minister must prioritise in order to power the UK's economic recovery.

BCC's Quarterly Economic Survey highlighted an alarming drop in business confidence and conditions, with key economic indicators falling to COVID-crisis levels.

In response, BCC's Business Manifesto sets out 17 deliverable and impactful policies, many of which are cost-free, designed to tackle the challenges facing businesses across the economy, the labour market, trade and Net Zero.

### **World Trade Report 2022 and BCC's Comments**

The World Trade Organisation's [World Trade Report 2022](#) was published at COP-27.

The report found that if tariffs and non-tariff barriers were reduced, green exports could increase by 5% by the end of the decade and lower carbon emissions too. [Click here](#) to see BCC's comments on the report.

**03 November 2022**

### **BCC took part in a Roundtable at the Social Market Foundation in London**

BCC took part in a roundtable at the Social Market Foundation in London ahead of the publication of [a new report on exports and e-commerce](#). BCC raised key challenges for SME exporting firms on VAT compliance and the need for end-to-end export support in supplying overseas customers.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17 May 2023

[Global Annual Conference 2023](#)

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